(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner these projects are proposed to be financed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) It has been decided to restructure the airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI) as and when found suitable through long term lease. At present, the airports located at the metropolitan cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata have been taken up for this exercise. The Financial consultant has submitted the Phase-I and II of the reports, regarding Due Diligence and Valuation and Sales Memorandum and Marketing Plan. Pre-Investment meets have been held to brief the prospective bidders. The lessee for the airport shall be selected through a transparent competitive global bid process.

(c) The financing of new infrastructure at these airports will be done by the respective selected airport operator.

Snag in PMs' plane at Singapore Airport

4957. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the fleet of aeroplanes with the Indian Airlines is more than ten years old;

(b) if so, the age-wise details of the aeroplanes;

(c) whether the plane which carried the Prime Minister to Singapore and Cambodia recently developed snags at the Singapore Airport;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the steps being taken to replace and renew the fleet?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines and its subsidiary Alliance Air have 40 aircraft out of an operating fleet of 57 aircraft that are older than 10 years. Details of age of aircraft in the fleet are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The Auxiliary Power Unit of the aircraft carrying the Prime Minister tripped after push back at Singapore. The same was restarted within a few minutes and the aircraft operated the flight with an initial delay of 8 to 10 minutes, which was made up during flight to Phnom Penh.

(e) Indian Airlines is contemplating to acquire 43 aircraft to meet fleet requirements both for replacement and for expansion.

Statement

Fleet and average age statistics of Indian Airlines and Alliance Air Fleet as on 1st May, 2002 (Including Leased Ones)

TYPE	FLEET incl. Leased	AVG. AGE (Yrs.)
A300	7	20.4
A320	36	10.6
B737	11	20.7
DO228	3	16.6
Total	57	14.1

A320 Average		Age (years)	10.6
Sl.	Aircraft Regn. No.	Date of Arrival	Age No. (years.)
1	VT-EPB	27-Jun-89	12.9
2	VT-EPC	06-Jul-89	12.8
3	VT-EPD	04-Jul-89	12.8
4	VT-EPE	18-Jul-89	12.8
5	VT-EPF	28-Jul-89	12.8
6	VT-EPG	09-Sep-89	12.6
7	VT-EPH	15-Sep-89	12.6
8	VT-EPI	15-Sep-89	12.6
9	VT-EPJ	14-Oct-89	12.6
10	VT-EPK	01-Oct-89	12.6
11	VT-EPL	06-Oct-90	11.6
12	VT-EPM	28-Nov-89	12.4
13	VT-EPO	13-Jan-90	12.3
14	VT-EPP	24-Jan-90	12.3
15	VT-EPQ	09-Feb-90	12.2
16	VT-EPR	16-Oct-90	11.5
17	VT-EPS	21-Oct-90	11.5
18	VT-EPT	25-Oct-90	11.5
19	VT-ESA	28-Feb-93	9.2
20	VT-ESB	31-Mar-93	9.1
21	VT-ESC	07-Jun-93	8.9
22	VT-ESD	01-Jul-93	8.8
23	VT-ESE	31-Jul-93	8.8
24	VT-ESF	06-Aug-93	8.7
25	VT-ESG	27-Dec-93	8.3
26	VT-ESH	11-May-94	8.0
27	VT-ESI	01-Oct-94	7.6
28	VT-ESJ	24-Oct-94	7.5
29	VT-ESK	23-Nov-94	7.4
30	VT-ESL	17-Dec-94	7.4
31	VT-EVO*	27-Nov-91	10.4
32	VT-EVP*	5-Dec.-91	10.4
33	VT-EVQ*	20-Aug-92	9.7
34	VT-EVR*	31-Aug-92	9.7
35	VT-EVT*	20-May-92	10.0
36	VT-EVS*	14-May-92	10.0

*Leased aircraft with date of delivery to first operator.

A-300** Average Age (years)			20.4
Sr. No.	Aircraft Regn. No.	Date of Arrival	Age (years)
1	VT-EDY	13-May-78	24.0
2	VT-EFV	27-Oct-79	22.5
3	VT-EFX	09-Aug-80	21.7
4	VT-EHC	25-May-82	19.9
5	VT-EHD	29-May-82	19.9
6	VT-EVC*	03-May-83	19.0
7	VT-EVD*	06-May-86	16.0

*Leased aircraft with date of delivery to first operator.

**Excludes four aircraft VT-EDW, VT-ELW VT=EDZ & VT=EFW that the have been earmarked for sale/ phasing out/grounded due to accident.

B-737 Average Age (years)			20.7
Sr. No.	Aircraft Regn. No.	Date of Arrival	Age (years)
1	VT-EGE	21-Jul-80	21.8
2	VT-EGF	28-Jul-80	21.8
3	VT-EGG	18-Aug-80	21.7
4	VT-EGH	23-Feb-81	21.2
5	VT-EGM	23-Mar-81	21.1
6	VT-EGI	28-Sep-81	20.6
7	VT-EGJ	05-Oct-81	20.6
8	VT-EHE	09-Aug-82	19.7
9	VT-EHF	16-Aug-82	19.7
10	VT-EHG	23-Aug-82	19.7
11	VT-EHH	13-Sep-82	19.6

Do-228 Average Age (yars)			20.4
Sr. No.	Aircraft Registration	Date of Arrival	Age (years)
1	VT-EIO	12-Dec-84	17.4
2	VT-EJN	09-Apr-86	16.1
3	VT-EJO	10-Dec-85	16.4